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- Energy companies must keep up-to-date, complete records to prove they are running pipelines at safe pressures under new federal guidelines developed in response to a deadly California natural gas explosion. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- Riverside County, California prosecutors filed more than 80 additional counts against a mother and son accused in a \$142 million mortgage and investment fraud case. – *Riverside Press-Enterprise* (See item [11](#))
- A team of FBI experts were examining a sophisticated, new al-Qa'ida bomb to figure out whether it could have slipped past airport security and taken down a commercial airplane, U.S. officials said. – *Fox News; Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- Abbott Laboratories pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$1.6 billion to resolve its criminal and civil liability arising from the company's unlawful promotion of the prescription drug Depakote. – *CNN* (See item [36](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. ***May 7, San Bernardino County Sun*** – (California) **Suspected thief in critical condition after 33,000-volt shock at San Bernardino Edison station.** A man police think was electrocuted while he attempted to steal wire from an Southern California Edison station in San Bernardino, California, remained hospitalized May 6. San Bernardino police and emergency personnel responded to the Edison substation May 5 after receiving calls that a person was on fire there, police said. Police and rescue personnel found the man on fire when they arrived. Investigators found tools at the scene, leading them to believe the man was attempting to steal wire from the facility when he was injured. As result of the incident, about 14,000 Edison customers in San Bernardino were left without electricity. Service was restored to all customers 12 hours later.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-mct-suspected-thief-in-critical-condition-after-20120507,0,2325787.story>
2. ***May 7, Associated Press*** – (National) **Feds: Pipeline companies must keep safety records.** Energy companies will need to keep up-to-date records to prove they are running the nation's aging pipelines at safe pressures under a new set of guidelines the federal government announced May 7 in response to a deadly natural gas explosion in a San Francisco suburb. If pipeline operators cannot ensure their oil and gas lines are running at safe pressures by 2013, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) said they could face penalties or other sanctions. The advisory bulletin the administration issued mentioned the September 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno that killed 8 people, injured many more and left 38 homes in smoking ruins. Federal and state officials will be responsible for enforcing the new guidelines, a pipeline safety agency spokeswoman said. All companies will be required to keep traceable, verifiable, and complete records about pipelines that ferry hazardous fuels through the nation's most populated areas. In a later phase, the PHMSA also will direct energy firms on what to do if they cannot find records for all their pipelines, she added.  
Source: <http://www.wset.com/story/18168812/feds-pipeline-companies-must-keep-safety-records>
3. ***May 7, Associated Press*** – (Ohio) **Ohio legislative panel OKs new rules for oil and gas well construction; no opposition.** An Ohio legislative panel approved new rules May 7 for the construction of oil and gas drilling wells, amid an underground shale exploration boom in the state. The state's rule-setting committee also cleared new guidelines for drilling permits and set certain industry standards, primarily affecting wells in the Utica and Marcellus shale formations. The executive director of the joint committee on agency rule review said the panel must clear or reject rules based on technical criteria not policy. He said no one objected to the rules, which conform regulations to a bill passed 2 years ago. The new rules are expected to take effect

August 1. In a letter May 4 to nearly 1,400 oil and gas producers, the state natural resources director said the new rules would be both environmentally safe and business-friendly.

Source:

<http://www.threpublic.com/view/story/81f632d8cb464261bf273593bfc950b2/OH--Gas-Drilling-Ohio-Rules/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. ***May 7, WACH 48 Columbia*** – (South Carolina) **Train, truck collide in Calhoun County.** A train carrying chemicals collided with a log truck in Calhoun County, South Carolina, May 7, shutting down roads and causing an evacuation. A member of the Calhoun County Emergency Preparedness Agency said the train hit the truck outside the town of Lone Star. Investigators said the truck may have been trying to beat the train across the tracks. The train was hauling chemicals including cyanide, strychnine, and liquid phosgene. All of those can be extremely harmful to humans. The train also leaked about 2,500 gallons of diesel fuel. Officials evacuated the surrounding area as a precaution. The truck driver received cuts and bruises. A crew was brought in with a heavy-duty crane to move the train. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the National Weather Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency all responded. Crews were expected to be working into May 8.  
Source: <http://www.midlandsconnect.com/news/story.aspx?id=750909#.T6k3kJYtnM>
5. ***May 7, Seattlepi.com*** – (Washington) **Explosion rocks South Seattle; no injuries.** An explosion at a South Seattle gas processing facility May 7 caused a lot of noise and little else. Seattle firefighters were called to the Airgas facility after the blast. A Seattle Fire Department spokesman said the explosion occurred at an acetylene handing facility inside a room built to contain explosions. Six employees were inside the building. Firefighters cleared a larger area around the facility while they checked for gas leaks. The explosion damaged nearby windows and the building.  
Source: <http://blog.seattlepi.com/seattle911/2012/05/07/explosion-rocks-south-seattle-no-injuries/>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

6. ***May 7, Oswego Palladium Times*** – (New York) **Dry cask storage to house spent fuel locally.** Spent fuel at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station units 1 and 2 in Scriba, New York, will be transported to storage sites on the grounds surrounding the power plants during the summer of 2012, according to officials of Constellation Energy Nuclear Group (CENG), owner of the two units. The Oswego Palladium Times reported May 7 the highly radioactive spent fuel, formerly used in the power plant reactors, will be

transported from a circulating-water spent fuel pool to on-site dry cask storage facilities starting August 26. A spokeswoman for CENG said the transportation of the spent fuel to the dry cask storage facilities would take about 2 weeks.

Source:

<http://palltimes.com/articles/2012/05/07/news/doc4fa87b158e02a609001448.txt>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *May 8, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) NHTSA recall notice - **International Lonestar, Paystar, Prostar, Transtar, and Workstar alternator cable fire hazard.** Navistar announced May 8 the recall of 19,264 model year 2010-2013 Paystar, Workstar, Transtar, and Prostar, and model year 2012-2013 Lonestar commercial trucks manufactured from June 1, 2009 through April 4, equipped with a Maxxforce 11 or 13 engine and with certain Bosch alternators. The alternator cable may rub on the high pressure power steering hose, possibly chafing its insulation and causing an electrical short. A short may cause a vehicle fire possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death. Navistar will install a standoff bracket and improve harness routing to better route the alternator wires away from the power steering hose. Navistar did not provide an expected start date for the recall, but an interim notice will be mailed to owners if parts will not be available before June 30.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl\\_ID=12V196000&summary=true&prod\\_id=1154774&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V196000&summary=true&prod_id=1154774&PrintVersion=YES)

8. *May 6, WFMJ 21 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Sulfuric acid spill in Warren Township.** The Warren Township, Ohio fire department said a flange on a line that was inoperable was responsible for a sulfuric acid leak at Arcelor Mittal Steel May 6. Officials said about 1,200 gallons of sulfuric acid spilled into a ditch and into a drive at the plant. The Trumbull HAZMAT Team assisted the Warren Township Fire Department to make sure the corrosive acid and its vapors did not get into the water system through a nearby ditch. Arcelor Mittal Steel, which makes coke for the steel making process, hired local contractors to use lime to neutralize the acid.

Source: <http://www.wfmj.com/story/18155337/sulfuric-acid-spill-in-warren-township>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

9. ***May 8, Softpedia – (International) Tatanga malware platform used in fraud insurance scam.*** Cybercriminals have come up with a new way of duping unsuspecting bank customers into handing over their funds. They promote shady insurance that supposedly protects against losses caused by online banking fraud. Trusteer experts have detailed the way these attacks work and how they leverage the Tatanga malware platform to ensure the success of the malicious campaign. First, the malware informs the victim of the allegedly free offer via Web browser injection. Then, the potential victim is presented with a fake insurance account whose value is purportedly equal to the amount of money currently present in the bank account. To activate the new account, the user is asked to authorize the transaction by entering the one-time password the bank sends via SMS to his/her mobile device. In reality, the “insurance account” is a normal account that belongs to a money mule involved in the scheme. When users authorize the activation, they are actually authorizing a fund transfer from the victim to the mule. Experts have found the crooks steal the entire amount of money from the bank account if the balance is between \$1,300 and \$6,500. However, if the amount is exceeded, they will only take \$6,500. “Once they have compromised an endpoint, the ability of Tatanga and the other cybercrime platforms to commit online fraud is limited only by the imagination of criminals,” Trusteer’s chief technology officer said.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Tatanga-Malware-Platform-Used-in-Fraud-Insurance-Scam-268275.shtml>

10. ***May 7, Federal Bureau of Investigation – (Missouri) St. Louis man pleads guilty to fraud, conspiracy, and identity theft charges.*** A man pleaded guilty May 7 to charges involving his use of customer information to steal money from bank accounts at United States Bank. According to the facts filed with the court, an accomplice was employed by United States Bank in St. Louis County, Missouri. As part of his employment, he had access to customer account data, including account numbers for business accounts and names of persons associated with those accounts. In the spring of 2011, the pair agreed the employee would provide the defendant with account information, including business/commercial customers such as Ameren. After getting the information, the defendant registered phony Internet domain names to make it look as though he was sending e-mail from Ameren. He then used this information and attempted to obtain cash delivery services from an Ameren account at United States Bank. The defendant contacted United States Bank June 20, 2011, and requested about \$180,000 in cash pursuant to United States Bank cash vault services. He was arrested June 20, 2011, and the bank fraud scheme was never completed. He pleaded guilty to one felony count of bank fraud, three felony counts of aggravated identity theft, and one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud. The employee pleaded guilty in December 2011 to conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

Source:

[http://7thspace.com/headlines/411877/st\\_louis\\_man\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_to\\_fraud\\_conspiracy\\_and\\_identity\\_theft\\_charges.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/411877/st_louis_man_pleads_guilty_to_fraud_conspiracy_and_identity_theft_charges.html)

11. *May 7, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California; Arizona) **Pair handed 80 more felony mortgage fraud counts.** Prosecutors in Riverside County, California, have filed more than 80 additional counts against a mother and son accused in a \$142 million mortgage and investment fraud case, the Riverside Press-Enterprise reported May 7. The pair were arrested in November 2009 and accused of persuading mom-and-pop investors in California and Arizona to turn over savings and retirement funds as well as max out credit cards and refinance their homes by promising them big returns on investments in things such as real estate, foreign currency, and diamonds. The investors lost most of their money and more than 200 Riverside County homes were pushed into foreclosure, according to allegations. Five others charged in the case have pleaded guilty. The son was originally charged with 247 felony counts, including grand theft, securities fraud, corporate identity theft, and elder abuse. By May 7, prosecutors had added 81 counts, bringing the total to 312. The deputy district attorney handling the case said the new charges are primarily allegations of acting as an investment adviser without proper certification, and commodities fraud counts that are being offered as an alternative to existing securities fraud counts.

Source: <http://www.pe.com/business/business-headlines/20120507-real-estate-pair-handed-80-more-felony-mortgage-fraud-counts.ece>

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## **Transportation Sector**

12. *May 8, KXII 12 Sherman* – (Texas) **U.S. 82 near Sadler open after chemical spill.** U.S. Highway 82 west of Sherman, Texas, reopened after a tanker dumped hydrochloric acid onto the road May 7. “If you’re close enough to it and the wind shifts, if you get a big enough breath of it it’ll cause burning to the nose and throat area, and it’ll get down into your lungs and can do some serious damage,” said a state trooper. Early May 7, a truck heading West on Highway 82 crashed after the driver lost control. Authorities said the truck was carrying about 4,500 gallons of hydrochloric acid, most of which spilled onto the road. “Lost all but about 700 gallons of the product on to the roadway, right now we have 2 environmental crews working on remediating, one crew is working on getting the acid neutralized with sodium bi-carb and then they’re going to offload what’s left on the tanker,” said a worker for Grayson County’s Office of Emergency Management. Environmental crews were brought in from Dallas to help in the clean up. Residents in one nearby house were told not to come home until further notice, and some Sadler school buses were re-routed.

Source: <http://www.kxii.com/news/headlines/150449515.html>

13. *May 8, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Crash closes route 33 north.** A crash in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, had part of Route 33 north closed. Troopers said a tractor-trailer hauling flammable liquids went out of control May 8 in Hamilton Township. Authorities said the driver swerved to avoid a deer and crashed into a tree. One of the trailers overturned, spilling gallons of vanilla extract all over the road. HAZMAT crews were called in to clean up the mess, which they said may be

flammable. “In its concentrated form in the 5 gallon pails it is a flammable material. It’s a food additive but when it’s treated and mixed with other chemicals it’s a perfectly safe thing,” explained a representative of the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency. Route 33 north was expected to remain closed until the cleanup was completed.

Source: <http://wne.com/2012/05/08/crash-closes-route-33-north/>

14. ***May 8, CNN – (Maryland) Man arrested at airport was trying to get on plane with loaded gun, TSA says.*** A man attempting to fly from Baltimore to Tampa, Florida, May 6 faced charges for attempting to board a plane with a loaded gun, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said. The incident happened at Baltimore/Washington International-Thurgood Marshall Airport when a TSA officer spotted the weapon in the passenger’s carry-on bag, TSA said. Security officials alerted the Maryland Transportation Authority Police after finding the 9 mm Glock 17 loaded with 10 rounds of ammunition and 1 bullet in the chamber. The Palm Harbor, Florida man was also allegedly carrying 2 additional magazines, each loaded with 10 rounds, TSA said. Police confiscated the weapon and ammunition and arrested the man on a State charge. A TSA official said the passenger, who was ticketed on a Southwest Airlines flight, told authorities he forgot the gun was in his bag. The passenger did not possess a concealed weapon permit, the official added. TSA said there was no impact to airport operations from the incident.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/31023641/detail.html>

15. ***May 8, Associated Press – (Alaska) State ferry strikes Ocean Beauty’s Petersburg dock.*** One of Alaska’s largest State ferries hit a seafood processing plant’s dock head-on May 7, causing significant damage, the Associated Press reported May 8. The 408-foot Matanuska ferry hit the dock belonging to Ocean Beauty, said a spokesman for the Alaska Department of Transportation. The Petersburg Pilot reported the face of the Ocean Beauty concrete dock was heavily damaged, dock pilings were broken, and a crane was damaged. Even the second floor of the idled processing plant was damaged, with walls and outer walkways partially demolished. The Matanuska shows possible dents and scrapes to the bow of the ship. There were 60 passengers on board at the time of the accident. The accident occurred about 90 minutes before high tide, as the ferry was making its scheduled run from Juneau to Petersburg, 125 miles to the southeast. According to the Alaska Marine Highway System’s Web page, the Matanuska has been in service since 1963. Five years later, it was renovated and lengthened. It can carry 500 passengers, has 108 berths and can hold 88 vehicles.

Source: <http://juneauempire.com/state/2012-05-08/state-ferry-strikes-ocean-beautys-petersburg-dock#.T6k6vFK1WZc>

16. ***May 8, Associated Press – (Ohio) 3-truck crash blocks I-70 bridge near Cambridge.*** State troopers said three tractor-trailers crashed and significantly damaged a highway overpass in eastern Ohio, blocking westbound traffic near the intersection of two busy interstates May 7. The collision happened on Interstate 70 near Cambridge, just west of where the highway links to Interstate 77. Officials expected the I-70 bridge to remain closed through midday May 8. The crash significantly damaged the concrete sides of the bridge. The driver of the first truck was cited for failure to control.

Source: <http://www.cantonrep.com/newsnow/x1310203091/3-truck-crash-blocks-I-70-bridge-near-Cambridge>

17. *May 8, Fox News; Associated Press* – (National) **CIA thwarts Al Qaeda underwear bomb plot near anniversary of leader's death.** A team of FBI experts were examining a sophisticated, new al-Qa'ida bomb to figure out whether it could have slipped past airport security and taken down a commercial airplane, U.S. officials said. The bomb was confiscated after the CIA unraveled a terror plot by al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula to destroy a U.S.-bound airliner using an underwear bomb, Fox News reported May 8. The plot involved an upgrade of the underwear bomb that failed to detonate aboard a jetliner over Detroit December 25, 2009. This new bomb was also designed to be used in a passenger's underwear, but this time al-Qa'ida developed a more refined detonation system, U.S. officials told the Associated Press. “Initial exploitation indicates that the device is very similar to IEDs that have been used previously by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula in attempted terrorist attacks, including against aircraft and for targeted assassinations,” the FBI said in a written statement. “The FBI currently has possession of the IED and is conducting technical and forensics analysis on it.” Officials said the device did not contain metal, meaning it probably could have passed through an airport metal detector. However, it was not clear whether new body scanners used in many airports would have detected it. It was not clear who built the bomb, but because of its sophistication and its similarity to the Christmas bomb, authorities suspected it was the work of a master bomb maker who constructed the first underwear bomb and two others al-Qa'ida built into printer cartridges and shipped to the U.S. on cargo planes in 2010.
- Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/05/07/cia-thwarts-al-qaeda-underwear-bomb-plot-on-anniversary-bin-laden-death-us/?test=latestnews>

18. *May 7, Melville Newsday* – (New York) **FAA: Two planes collide at JFK; no one hurt.** A collision between two planes on the tarmac at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport that did minor damage to both aircraft was under investigation, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said May 5. Two Delta planes were involved, resulting in a 2-hour delay in a flight to Istanbul, Turkey, according to the FAA and the airline. The incident happened May 4 while Delta Flight 72 to Istanbul — a Boeing 767 — was sitting at its gate in Kennedy's Worldport. That is when the wingtip of another Delta 767 being towed from Terminal 4 clipped the parked jet's horizontal stabilizer, an FAA spokeswoman said. The 193 passengers and 11 crew members headed to Istanbul had to switch planes, according to Delta. The plane being towed was empty.
- Source: <http://www.aviationpros.com/news/10710335/faa-two-planes-collide-at-jfk-no-one-hurt>

19. *May 7, Washington Post* – (Washington, D.C.; Maryland; Virginia) **Metro says ‘mechanical fatigue’ caused rail car parts to fail.** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) said May 7 it has determined “mechanical fatigue” on the friction rings of two of its older rail cars caused one ring to crack and another to fall off earlier in 2012. The rings are similar to a brake disc found on a car, and if a ring fails, it is considered a hazard. The findings were to be presented May 10 at a meeting

of the safety and security committee of the WMATA board. Crews discovered a fractured brake part on a 3000 series rail car in January during an inspection at the Shady Grove rail yard. A similar part fell off a 2000 rail car series train on an Orange Line train that was headed toward New Carrollton, January 6. The train was disabled near the Stadium-Armory station, and there were delays for more than 2 hours.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/metro-says-mechanical-fatigue-caused-rail-car-parts-to-fail/2012/05/07/gIQAFcSH9T\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/metro-says-mechanical-fatigue-caused-rail-car-parts-to-fail/2012/05/07/gIQAFcSH9T_story.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

20. *May 8, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Police: Trio targeted Treasury Department checks in mail thefts.**

Atlanta police said they arrested three people targeting people's checks by stealing their mail, WSB 2 Atlanta reported May 8. A postal inspector told an Atlanta police officer at the scene of a May 1 theft at the Heritage Green Apartments that the trio may be the ones who have been breaking into cluster mailboxes. The inspector said the U.S. Department of the Treasury mails out checks at the first of the month. Atlanta police investigated two other mail thefts where mail carriers said the trio also swiped mail from their trucks. Police said they spotted the suspects' car at a check cashing business, where they arrested all three and found a stack of checks in the car. They are now facing felony theft charges. A postal inspector noted stealing mail is a federal offense. The Postal Service sent a letter to people in the area that said to contact them if their Treasury check was cashed by someone else.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/police-trio-targeted-treasury-department-checks-ma/nNyjZ/>

21. *May 7, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Sacramento man pleads guilty to conspiracy, bank fraud.** A Sacramento, California man has become the sixth person to plead guilty in a bank fraud and mail theft case. He pleaded guilty May 7 to felony conspiracy and bank fraud charges in federal court in Sacramento. According to court documents, the defendant and others conspired to use altered stolen checks and money orders taken from stolen mail to obtain cash, goods, and services from Sacramento County banks. Court documents said a co-conspirator stole mail on multiple occasions from customer lobbies of the Discovery, Town and Country, and Strong Ranch post offices. He altered the checks and money orders, and organized others, including the defendant, to cash them. More than 4 banks and 20 postal customers were victimized, according to a U.S. Department of Justice news release.

Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2012/05/sacramento-man-pleads-guilty-to-conspiracy-bank-fraud.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

22. *May 8, Food Safety News* – (International) **13 confirmed ill in New Brunswick E. coli O157 outbreak.** Public health officials in the Canadian province of New Brunswick were investigating an E. coli O157:H7 outbreak with 13 confirmed cases and another 14 suspected cases, Food Safety News reported May 8. No source yet been determined, CBC News reported, though health officials have ruled out the water supply and are investigating several different foods. At least 14 people were hospitalized with symptoms of E. coli infection. The first illness was reported April 23.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/13-confirmed-ill-in-new-brunswick-e-coli-o157-outbreak/>
23. *May 8, Food Safety News* – (North Carolina; National) **Tempeh Salmonella cases increase from 46 to 60.** North Carolina's Buncombe County reported May 7 the number of Salmonella Paratyphi B cases in an outbreak linked to unpasteurized tempeh rose from 46 to 60. The rare type of Salmonella was traced to tempeh, a fermented soy bean product made by a small local producer, Smiling Hara in Asheville. Test results from the North Carolina Department of Public Health laboratory confirmed the bacteria found in the tempeh matched the outbreak strain of Salmonella Paratyphi B. As of May 4, seven of the outbreak cases were hospitalized. Smiling Hara temporarily halted production and recalled all its tempeh made between January 11 and April 11. Owners of the firm believe the pre-packaged culture they used to make tempeh likely was contaminated with Salmonella. Although many of those sickened either ate the implicated tempeh or possibly ate other foods cross-contaminated by the tempeh. The Buncombe County Department of Health said the outbreak is continuing through person-to-person contact.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/tempeh-salmonella-cases-increase-from-46-to-60/>
24. *May 8, Dayton Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Early morning explosion blows door off New Smyrna Beach Reddy Ice plant.** State fire inspectors were investigating the cause of an explosion at the Reddy Ice plant in the New Smyrna Beach industrial park in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, May 8. The New Smyrna Beach Fire Division chief said an apparent chemical leak inside the building ignited, blowing out the metal walls, a portion of a door, and damaging part of the roof. "There was significant damage," the chief said, although he had no dollar estimate of destruction. He said the building was vacant at the time of the explosion. A preliminary review seems to point to a slow ammonia leak filling part of the building before finding an ignition source, he said. HAZMAT teams traced the leak to a faulty valve and were able to shut it down. Fire crews from three agencies responded.  
Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/breakingnews/2012/05/early-morning-explosion-blows-doors-off-new-smyrna-beach-reddy-ice-plant.html>
25. *May 8, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Idaho frozen food company settles with EPA over failure to report hazardous chemicals.** An Idaho frozen food company agreed to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) \$84,000 for failing to report its possession of hazardous chemicals to safety officials. The EPA said May 7 the

Caldwell facility of Rhodes International, Inc. stored large quantities of the toxic gas anhydrous ammonia from 2006 to 2009. The EPA unit manager said relaying that information to emergency planners is critical to protecting the community during a chemical spill. Agency officials said the company, which makes frozen cinnamon rolls and other breads, failed to properly notify State and local emergency departments it was storing the chemicals — a violation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/78f317fb4d7f460ca497ba5a63a38037/ID--Food-Company-Settlement/>

26. *May 8, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Grandview farmers agree to pay over dumping.** The owners of a Grandview, Washington farm agreed to pay \$90,000 to the State to settle allegations they illegally dumped pesticides and other hazardous materials, the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported May 8. Under the terms of the agreement, the owners of Double H Farms will pay the department of ecology, though they deny they violated any laws. “Hundreds of pesticide and oil containers, some crushed, some with liquid still inside, were found in one corner of the property. It wasn’t being farmed and appears to have been set aside for waste,” a communications manager for the department of ecology said May 7. Used oil and pesticide containers were found buried in shallow pits on the 109-acre farm in March 2009. The farm has since excavated and disposed of the containers along with other items including car batteries. Contaminated soil from the original site also has been removed. The State Department of Agriculture also imposed a \$35,000 fine for pesticide mismanagement, but under the terms of the settlement the farm will pay \$25,000. The farm, with oversight from the department of ecology, also will check four other Double H-owned properties where waste material may have been buried and will clean up the sites if dangerous waste is found.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2012/05/08/2513544/farmers-agree-to-pay-over-dumping.html>

27. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Iowa; Kansas; Texas) **BPI closing 3 plants, blaming ‘pink slime’ uproar.** Beef Products Inc. (BPI) will close processing plants in three states in May because of the controversy surrounding its meat product that critics dubbed “pink slime,” a company official said May 7. About 650 jobs will be lost when the plants close May 25 in Amarillo, Texas; Garden City, Kansas; and Waterloo Iowa, a company spokesman said. A plant in South Sioux City, Nebraska, will remain open but run at reduced capacity. The South Dakota-based company blamed the closures on what it said were unfounded attacks over its lean, finely textured beef. During its processing, bits of beef are heated and treated with a small amount of ammonia to kill bacteria. The filler has been used for years and meets federal food safety standards. However, the company suspended operations at the three plants in March amid public uproar over the filler. BPI said it took a “substantial” hit after social media exploded with worry over the product and an online petition seeking its ouster from schools drew hundreds of thousands of supporters. The U.S. Department of Agriculture decided school districts may stop using it, and some retail chains pulled products containing it from their shelves. Company officials had hoped to recover but have since realized that doing so

was not possible in the near future. The company paid its workers during the suspension.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jV2DrAnMT-DNFctT134OL-0M2dow?docId=f9e01d161cca4034ab2c7da9a5d46220>

28. ***May 5, Food Safety News*** – (National) **State and federal programs helped catch contaminated dog food.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was able to connect contaminated dog food to a Salmonella outbreak spread across nine states May 3 due to a combination of routine State-level testing and a national online infection database operated by the CDC. Several brands of Diamond Pet Foods dry dog food manufactured at a single South Carolina facility tested positive for Salmonella Infantis, a rare strain that infected at least 14 people and hospitalized at least 5. The individuals contracted the illnesses either through handling the tainted kibble or having contact with a dog that had eaten it. The connection between the dog food and the human Salmonella Infantis illnesses first arose after the rare Salmonella strain was discovered in an unopened bag of Diamond Pet Foods kibble during routine retail sampling by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development April 2. Knowing the genetic fingerprint of the Salmonella, the CDC consulted PulseNet, its online network that connects public health and regulatory personnel around the country to share data on disease infections. They found that a handful of human Salmonella infections around the country matched up with the bacteria in the dog food. When public health officials followed up with those individuals, most of them reported an association with Diamond Pets dog food.
- Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/state-and-federal-programs-helped-catch-contaminated-dog-food/>

29. ***May 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (South Carolina) **Apex Pet Foods initiates voluntary recall of dry pet food due to the potential for Salmonella; no pet or human illnesses have been reported associated with Apex Dog Food.** Apex Pet Foods announced May 4 it was issuing a voluntary recall of all dry dog food formulas manufactured January 24 and distributed in South Carolina. Although there have been no animal or human illnesses related to Apex Dog Food, and the product has not tested positive for Salmonella, the company voluntarily initiated the recall. The following products are being recalled: Apex Chicken and Rice Dog 40 pound and Apex Chicken and Rice Dog 20 pound.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303061.htm>

30. ***May 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (National; International) **Natural Balance Pet Foods initiates voluntary recall of certain dry pet food due to potential for Salmonella contamination.** Natural Balance Pet Foods announced May 4 it was issuing a voluntary recall of certain dry pet food formulas manufactured by Diamond Pet Foods at their Gaston, South Carolina facility. Although there have been no animal illnesses reported and none of the products in the recall has tested positive for Salmonella, the company voluntarily initiated this recall as a precautionary measure. Recalled products may have been distributed in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan,

Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Canada.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303042.htm>

31. ***May 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Wellpet LLC voluntarily recalls one recipe of dry dog food due to Salmonella at Diamond Pet Foods' facility.*** WellPet LLC announced a voluntary recall of one recipe of Wellness dry dog food after being notified by Diamond Pet Foods regarding the presence of Salmonella in Diamond's Gaston, South Carolina facility, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported May 4. All Wellness products are tested for Salmonella and all lots tested negative prior to shipping to customers. The products involved are: Wellness Complete Health Super5Mix Large Breed Puppy, 15-pound and 30-pound bags and 5-ounce sample bags. The majority of Wellness natural products for pets are produced in WellPet's manufacturing facility in Mishawaka, Indiana. WellPet no longer purchases any products from Diamond Pet Foods.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303039.htm>

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## **Water Sector**

32. ***May 8, Tampa Tribune – (Florida) Fiscal crunch puts stress on Tampa's aging water system.*** Tampa, Florida water managers lifted a boil-water order May 7 for customers, 3 days after a ruptured water main left thousands of homes and businesses without water. The head of the city's water department said the city was 1 week away from replacing the ruptured segment when it failed. The failure affected about a half-million people from Busch Gardens and the University of South Florida north to the Pasco County line. A water department spokesman said the city targeted the Bruce B. Downs line and has been making replacements because of its age and a lack of alternatives. After the break, crews accelerated the schedule for bringing the new pipe online, doing in about a half-day what was supposed to take 2 weeks.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/news/2012/may/08/fiscal-crunch-puts-stress-on-tampas-aging-water-sy-ar-401004/>

33. ***May 8, Scranton Times-Tribune – (Pennsylvania) Methane investigation expands to country store.*** State regulators expanded their investigation of methane in Franklin Township, Pennsylvania water supplies to a well connected to a Susquehanna County country store, the Scranton Times-Tribune reported May 8. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) found elevated levels of methane in the atmosphere above the water in the well at Heavenly Angels Convenience Store & Deli, a DEP spokeswoman said. A vent pipe was attached the week of April 30 to keep gas from accumulating in a shed enclosing the well. The methane was detected by DEP inspectors surveying wells around Franklin Forks where regulators have been searching

for the source of elevated methane in three water wells since December 2011. The state has not determined if the gas is seeping into water supplies from natural pathways documented in the region, nearby natural gas drilling, or some other cause. The business owner said the store had no problems with its water and the well was vented as a precaution. Drinking water saturated with methane is not known to pose health risks, but the gas is flammable at certain concentrations and can become an explosion hazard in enclosed spaces. DEP's water supply division took samples at the well and was waiting for the results.

Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/gas-drilling/methane-investigation-expands-to-country-store-1.1311914#axzz1uI1IJIIP>

34. *May 8, Tuscaloosa News* – (Alabama) **Northport to reroute sewer line around Indian Lake.** Northport, Alabama, will spend \$134,000 to reroute a sewer line around Indian Lake after the lake's spillway faulted and caused the sewer line to break in 2011. Since September 2011, a temporary sewer line has been in place "above" the spillway, said a city engineer, but that line needs to be replaced and soon, he said. The sewer line was originally located under the lake's spillway, and broke leaking raw sewage after heavy rain poured over an eroding spillway to the man-made lake. The work to reroute the sewer line will take about 60 days. Once complete, the city will consult the Indian Lake homeowners associations to resolve the issue and ensure the spillway is repaired. If it is not, it is possible the city could drain the lake and tear down the spillway to ensure it does not refill, the engineer said.
- Source:  
<http://www.tuscaloosanews.com/article/20120508/NEWS/120509818/1291/dateline?p=1&tc=pg>
35. *May 7, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Sewage overflows near Manette Bridge.** A 50,000 gallon sewage spill at the northwest end of the Manette Bridge near Bremerton, Washington, triggered a 4-day health advisory issued by the Kitsap Public Health District May 7. Officials warned against touching the water or harvesting shellfish along the Port Washington Narrows. The spill was the result of a clogged sewer line that caused sewage to back up and spill from a manhole on the beach during low tide, health officials said. City crews hoped to remove the blockage May 8. Residents said the spill might have been going on for several days before it was reported.
- Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/may/07/sewage-overflows-near-manette-bridge/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

36. *May 7, CNN* – (National) **Abbott Laboratories to pay \$1.6 billion over misbranding drug.** Abbott Laboratories pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$1.6 billion to resolve its criminal and civil liability arising from the company's unlawful promotion of the prescription drug Depakote, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said May 7. The

total includes a criminal fine of \$700 million and civil settlements with states and the federal government totaling \$800 million. Separate from the DOJ settlement, Abbott agreed to pay 45 states a total of \$100 million to resolve liability under the state consumer-protection laws. That makes this the second-largest fraud settlement involving a drug company, behind only a \$2.3 billion Pfizer settlement in 2010. Abbott pleaded guilty to misbranding Depakote by promoting the drug to control agitation and aggression in patients with elderly dementia, and to treat schizophrenia when neither use was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/07/justice/abbott-fine-drug/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/07/justice/abbott-fine-drug/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

37. ***May 7, KTRK 13 Houston – (Texas) Nurse accused of stealing \$43K from elderly patients in exchange for non-existent hearing aids.*** KTRK 13 Houston reported May 7 a nurse is accused of stealing more than \$40,000 in cash from elderly patients in exchange for hearing aids that were never delivered. Court records state patients of an ear, nose, and throat practice at Memorial Southwest Hermann Hospital in Houston started to complain they had not received their hearing aids after paying an employee directly for them. The office manager said she noticed there were no records of hearing aids being ordered, nor any records showing patients had paid for them. Police said the office manager found 23 patients complaining of theft. The total amount of theft from all of the victims was more than \$43,000, according to court documents.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8651185>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

38. ***May 8, WDBO 96.5 FM Orlando – (Florida) More arrests, hate crime charges in Osceola Co.*** At least 10 people associated with a suspected white supremacist group were arrested and charged with hate crimes after the FBI raided a camp in Osceola County, Florida, the weekend of May 5. Investigators believe the suspects are part of a group called the American Front (AF), which is an anti-Semitic, white supremacist organization that is known as a domestic terrorist organization and that was setting up operations in Osceola County. The arrests were made after investigators uncovered plots to create violent chaos in central Florida, including hitting targets such as Orlando City Hall. Investigators believe the group was involved in paramilitary training that included weapons such as AK-47s and also trained in hand-to-hand combat.
- Source: <http://www.wdbo.com/news/news/local/fbi-says-more-arrests-come-suspected-white-suprema/nNyh5/>

39. ***May 8, Associated Press – (South Carolina) 2 youth charged with Orangeburg school vandalism.*** Two juveniles in Orangeburg, South Carolina, were arrested and charged with vandalism that closed Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School May 7. The Orangeburg County sheriff said the vandals caused more than \$10,000 in damage at the school. The juveniles entered the school May 6 and damaged windows in the school, ripped out surveillance equipment, and stole electronics during a 5-hour period. Each is charged with second-degree burglary, grand larceny, and malicious injury to personal

property over \$10,000. Authorities were alerted by a fire alarm at the school.  
Source: <http://www.wsoctv.com/news/ap/crime/2-youth-charged-with-orangeburg-school-vandalism/nNyj4/>

40. *May 8, Macomb Daily Tribune* – (Michigan) **FBI probes substance that sent state worker to hospital.** The FBI is investigating a powder irritant contained in an envelope in the Michigan Department of Human Services office in Clinton Township that resulted in a worker going to the hospital May 7, according to state and township officials. Police and a HAZMAT team were called to the office after a worker reported opening a letter that contained a suspicious substance in the mailroom. When the envelope was opened, a plume of powder sprayed on the employee, the department said in a news release. The HAZMAT team confirmed the chemical was a level two irritant that could cause skin burns or, if inhaled, pulmonary issues, the news release said. The Clinton Township fire chief said the FBI was called because the sealed envelope was left in a dropbox used for the mail. “We had a partial match for a potential irritant that was biological, not chemically based,” he said. Investigators developed information on where the package came from and police plan to talk with the person they believe was responsible for sending it.  
Source: [http://www.dailystar.com/article/20120508/NEWS01/120509606/fbi-probes-substance-that-sent-state-worker-to-hospital&page=full\\_story](http://www.dailystar.com/article/20120508/NEWS01/120509606/fbi-probes-substance-that-sent-state-worker-to-hospital&page=full_story)
41. *May 7, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **S.C. police arrest one in theft of urine samples.** Police in Conway, South Carolina, said two men broke into the solicitor’s intervention office April 24 and stole nearly 40 urine samples. One suspect was charged with second degree burglary and criminal conspiracy, the Myrtle Beach Sun News reported May 7. Police issued warrants for the arrest of a second man on the same charges in connection to this incident. Employees at the intervention office found the rear door to the building forced open. The only thing missing was a translucent bin containing 37 urine samples that were going to be sent away for alcohol testing. The stolen urine belonged to the pre-trial intervention office, which is a statewide initiative for first-time offenders of non-violent crimes.  
Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10710796/sc-police-arrest-one-in-theft-of-urine-samples>
42. *May 5, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Grenades found in Ariz. home where 5 shot dead.** Investigators said they found a half dozen grenades among the military munitions in a suburban Phoenix home where a former Marine with ties to neo-Nazi groups shot four people and then took his own life, the Associated Press reported May 5. An agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) said May 3 the agency is tracing the serial numbers of six 40 mm projectile grenades discovered in the suspect’s house. The ATF agent said the explosives were strictly military-issue and should not be in a residence. Officials from Luke Air Force Base took the grenades and destroyed them. The manager of an Army surplus store in Phoenix said that type of grenade is not available at any store.  
Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/grenades-found-in-ariz-home-where-5-shot-dead.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

43. *May 6, United Press International* – (Illinois) **Lug nuts stolen from Chicago cop cars.** United Press International reported May 6 that Chicago police were investigating the theft of lug nuts from squad cars sitting in a police station parking lot on the city's southwest side. No officers have been involved in road accidents because of the apparent vandalism. The lug nuts began disappearing about a week ago, the Chicago Sun-Times reported. No suspects have been identified.  
Source: [http://www.upi.com/Odd\\_News/2012/05/06/Lug-nuts-stolen-from-Chicago-cop-cars/UPI-72971336350702/](http://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2012/05/06/Lug-nuts-stolen-from-Chicago-cop-cars/UPI-72971336350702/)
44. *May 6, Fresno Bee* – (California) **Shots fired at Parlier police headquarters.** California's Fresno County Sheriff's Office has been investigating a May 5 shooting at the Parlier Police Department building. An officer who was standing outside of the building's front doors reported shots being fired at him as other officers were inside processing a few people they had arrested. Bullet holes were found in the building and in nearby vehicles. It was not known what kind of weapon was used or if the shooting was related to the people being booked inside, an official said. Investigators also do not know if the shooter was targeting the officer or the police department.  
Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2012/05/06/2827351/shooting-at-parlier-police-building.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

45. *May 8, The Register* – (International) **Zombie PCs exploit hookup site in 4Square-for-malware scam.** Security researchers discovered a strain of malware that uses the geolocation service offered by an adult dating Web site as a way to determine the location of infected machines. Thousands of infected machines in a zombie network contacted the URL at the adult hookup site, security researchers at Websense discovered. Analysts first thought the adult dating site was abused as a botnet command and control channel. A more detailed look at the traffic from an infected machine revealed JavaScript code built into the malware queried the site's systems to discover the exact location — state, city, latitude, and longitude — of infected PCs. All indications are the site is unaware of this behavior. Instead, its unsecured geo-location services are being used as a kind of 4Square for zombie PCs. This information is “used by the botmaster for statistics or to give different commands to infected machines in certain countries,” Websense explains. The security firm reports that in more than 4,700 samples of these yet unnamed malware behind the attack were submitted to its security lab to date.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/05/08/geo\\_location\\_malware/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/05/08/geo_location_malware/)

46. *May 8, H Security* – (International) **Node.js update fixes information disclosure vulnerability.** The Node.js developers are advising all users to upgrade to the latest stable release of their JavaScript-based, event-driven, application framework as soon as possible. Version 0.6.17 of Node.js closes a security hole in Node's HTTP implementation that could be exploited by a remote attacker to access private information. This could be done by appending the contents of the HTTP parser's buffer to spoof a request header to make it appear to come from the attacker; echoing back the contents of such a request is usually safe, but in this case could expose information about other requests. All versions of the 0.5.x and 0.6.x branches up to and including 0.6.16 are affected; versions 0.7.0 to 0.7.7 of the 0.7.x unstable development branch are also vulnerable. Upgrading to 0.6.17 or 0.7.8 fixes the problem. Alternatively, those who cannot or choose not to upgrade can apply a fix. The developers note that the 0.6.17 update also fixes some other important bugs such as a file descriptor leak in sync functions.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Node-js-update-fixes-information-disclosure-vulnerability-1570157.html>
47. *May 8, H Security* – (International) **iOS 5.1.1 closes iPhone holes.** Apple released an iOS 5.1.1 update that closes four security holes in the iPhone and iPad operating system. Among the flaws is a WebKit problem that could allow a maliciously crafted Web site to crash applications or execute arbitrary code to take control of the device. The memory corruption flaw, discovered by the Google Chrome Security Team, affects iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4 and 4s, third generation, and later iPod Touch and the iPad and iPad 2. Another pair of flaws, one of which was used in Google's Pwnium contest, allowed the staging of a cross-site scripting attack. The final flaw was a URL spoofing problem that allowed illegitimate domains to visually appear in the address bar as legitimate sites.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/iOS-5-1-1-closes-iPhone-holes-1569932.html>
48. *May 7, Ars Technica* – (International) **Attackers target unpatched PHP bug allowing malicious code execution.** A huge number of Web sites are endangered by an unpatched vulnerability in the PHP scripting language that attackers are already trying to exploit to remotely take control of underlying servers, security researchers warned. The code-execution attacks threaten PHP Web sites only when they run in common gateway interface (CGI) mode, a Web application security consultant with Criticode told Ars Technica. Sites running PHP in FastCGI mode are not affected. It is unknown exactly how many Web sites are at risk, because sites also must meet several other criteria to be vulnerable, including not having a firewall that blocks certain ports. Nonetheless, sites running CGI-configured PHP on the Apache Web server are by default vulnerable to attacks that make it easy for hackers to run code that plants backdoors or downloads files containing sensitive user data. Full details of the bug became public the week of April 30, giving attackers the information they need to locate and exploit vulnerable Web sites. According to a security researcher, exploits are already being attempted against servers that are part of a honeypot set up by Trustwave's Spider Labs to detect Web-based attacks. While some of the requests observed appear to be simple probes to see if sites are vulnerable, others contain remote

file inclusion parameters that attempt to execute code of the attacker's choosing on vulnerable servers.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/news/2012/05/attackers-target-unpatched-php-bug-allowing-malicious-code-execution.ars>

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## Communications Sector

49. *May 8, Winona Daily News* – (Minnesota) **Saturday's Internet outage far from local.** Twin Cities construction workers in Minnesota accidentally cut a major trunk fiber-optic line that leads to the Internet collection point for most of Minnesota May 5. About 25 percent of Hiawatha Broadband Communications (HBC) customers lost service for most of the morning, according to a May 7 release. Most service was restored by the afternoon. The cut was repaired 8 hours later, according to the release. Source: [http://www.winonadailynews.com/news/local/article\\_97bf74d4-98ca-11e1-a8a8-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.winonadailynews.com/news/local/article_97bf74d4-98ca-11e1-a8a8-0019bb2963f4.html)
50. *May 8, The Hill* – (National) **FTC looks to force billing company to pay \$52 million for bogus charges.** The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has asked a federal court to force a third-party billing company to pay \$52.6 million for allegedly placing unauthorized charges on consumer phone bills, The Hill reported May 8. The practice of putting unwanted third-party charges on phone bills is known as “cramming,” and is the target of potential regulations by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Congress. According to the FTC’s court filing, Billing Services Group (BSG) placed charges on nearly 1.2 million telephone lines on behalf of a serial phone crammer. The charges were for “enhanced services,” such as voice mail, identity theft protection, directory assistance, job skills training, and video streaming. Consumers never asked for the services. BSG continued billing customers despite “voluminous” complaints and the fact that few customers ever used the services they were charged for, the FTC said. According to the government’s motion, BSG billed more than 250,000 consumers for a streaming video service, but only 23 movies were streamed — some of them by the cramming firm’s employees. BSG placed \$70 million in bogus charges and only refunded about \$17.4 million, according to the FTC. The FCC adopted a rule last month to try to combat cramming. The regulation requires landline telephone companies to notify consumers if they have the option to block third-party charges and strengthens rules requiring companies to list the charges separately on bills.

Source: <http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/225999-ftc-looks-to-force-billing-company-to-pay-52-million-for-bogus-charges>

51. *May 8, Adirondack Daily Enterprise* – (New York) **AT&T cell service on, but customers incensed.** AT&T restored cellular phone service to customers in the Tupper Lake, New York area May 7, but the weekend's problems with service angered many of the provider's customers. Cell service for AT&T customers went out sometime the night of May 4 or the morning of May 5 by most accounts. Some customers said they were told by AT&T customer service that the fix could take until May 9 or May 11, or even next into the week of May 14. Many customers were glad to see service come back on around 3 p.m. May 7. An AT&T spokeswoman said that while the technical problem was not AT&T's issue, the company had technicians in the field to help with the fix. "It was actually an issue with the local (telecommunications) provider," she said. She said the fact that the problem was not with AT&T's equipment might have been the reason for confusion with customer service workers.  
Source: <http://adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/content.detail/id/530731/AT-T-cell-service-on--but-customers-incensed.html?nav=5008>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

52. *May 8, Associated Press* – (California) **California church vandalized; artifacts damaged.** Vandals struck the historic Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz, California, damaging 231-year-old artifacts and scrawling anti-church slogans in what was being investigated as a possible hate crime. The Santa Cruz Sentinel reported the damage was discovered May 6. Windows were shattered by rocks and paint was splashed on doors, walls, and statues. Investigators said the vandals also climbed on the roof to spray paint on the church bell tower.  
Source: <http://www.kten.com/story/18173924/california-church-vandalized-artifacts-damaged>
53. *May 6, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Fire destroys 14 apartments in Colorado Springs, more than 30 residents displaced.** More than 30 residents of a Colorado Springs, Colorado apartment building were displaced following a large fire, May 5. The Colorado Springs Gazette reported that 14 apartments were declared a total loss in the three-alarm blaze. The paper reported that the fire was knocked down about an hour after firefighters were called. A fire department spokeswoman said the fire was caused when a resident left food cooking on the stove while not in the apartment.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6aa8e9a9794947c6b376b08d8c8bb2c4/CO-Apartment-Fire/>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

### **54. *May 6, High Plains Broadcasting* – (Florida) **Baldwin Bay wildfire jumps****

**containment line, grows rapidly.** Forestry firefighters were working from the air and ground to get a grip on a growing wildfire. Sparked by a bolt of lightning more than a month ago, the Baldwin Bay wildfire in Florida jumped its line of containment May 5 and continued to consume hundreds of acres on private property. According to the Florida Forest Service, they monitored the blaze every day from its start and were able to contain it at 99 acres up until May 5. In 24 hours, it scorched through some 400 additional acres. Crews had to pack up early May 6 because of severe weather. Officials said they expect the Baldwin Bay wildfire will burn through another few hundred acres before they can get it contained once again.

Source: [http://www.actionnewsjax.com/content/actionlocal/story/Baldwin-Bay-wildfire-jumps-containment-line-grows/\\_HKNPJTk0us08PxAbnJLg.cspx](http://www.actionnewsjax.com/content/actionlocal/story/Baldwin-Bay-wildfire-jumps-containment-line-grows/_HKNPJTk0us08PxAbnJLg.cspx)

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## **Dams Sector**

### **55. *May 8, Stockton Record* – (California) ‘Unacceptable’: Stockton levees lacking,**

**Army Corps says.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said May 7 that 13 of the 14 levee areas protecting Stockton, California, are “unacceptable,” because of deficiencies likely to harm the levees’ ability to perform during a major flood. In 2010, inspectors found erosion, excess trees and brush, and hundreds of “encroachments” built on or near the Bear Creek and Calaveras River levees. The encroachments range from decades-old diversion pipes in rural areas to boat docks, steps, or patios in urban neighborhoods. The findings can have two consequences: a loss of federal assistance when rebuilding a levee after a flood, and the creation of new high-risk flood zones forcing mandatory flood insurance upon residents. Officials plan to determine which encroachments were properly permitted by the state and approved by the Corps. Those done right can probably stay, officials said; the others must be removed or modified.

Source:

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120508/A\\_NEWS/205080321](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120508/A_NEWS/205080321)

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